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八月初九未央

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T. JACKSON,
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Offices of the Corporation,
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Hongkong, August 26, 1883.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

FROM this date Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will conduct our Business at this port and all Communications should be addressed to them.

Messrs. RUSSELL & CO. will also Act as Agents at this port for our line of Steamers.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.
Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. G. A. GROSSMANN in our Firm ceased on the 31st August, 1883.

GROSSMANN & CO.

Hongkong, September 1, 1883. oc18

NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day ESTABLISHED myself a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

A. F. DE J. SOARES.

Hongkong, October 1, 1883. oc18

NOTICE.

M. R. RUTTONJEE DADABHOY
M. R. TATA is authorized to sign our
firm from this date.

TATA & CO.

1st October, 1883. oc18

NOTICE.

M. R. RUTTONJEE DADABHOY
M. R. TATA is authorized to sign our
firm from this date.

TATA & CO.

24th September, 1883. 25-684

NOTICE.

C. ELLES & CO. MR. FRANCIS CASS
is authorized to sign the firm.

JAMES C. ELLES.

Amoy, 1st May, 1883.

Twelfth Volume of the
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now ready.

No. 1.—Vol. XII.

OF THE

"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

The Structure of Chinese Characters.
Chinese Quotations and their Rules.
The Dialect of Yangtze.

China During the Tsin Dynasty, A.D.
366-419.

More on the Origin of the Arabic Numerals.

Sa Tung Poo in Hainan.

Opium and the Smoking Extract.

Notices of New Books and Literary Inter-

ests.

Notes and Queries.

Correspondence.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

To Contributors.

Hongkong, September 28, 1883.

Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

Intimations.

IN HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S
SUPREME COURT FOR CHINA
AND JAPAN.

IN ADMIRALTY.

THE BRITISH BARRONETTY.—"MOUNT
LEBANON," NELSON, MASTER.

Shanghai, the 2nd day of October, 1883.

WHEREAS, a Cause of Damage has
been instituted in this Court on
behalf of the Owner of the British Steamship
"Mount Lebanon," her TACKLES, APPAREL and
FURNITURE, and the Cargo now, or lately,
brought on board, and the Freight due for the
Transportation thereof, now lying at Whan-
tow, in the Canton River, under arrest by
virtue of a Warrant issued from the said
Court. This is to give Notice to all Per-
sons having or CLAIMING to have any
right or INTEREST in this said Ves-
sel, her TACKLES, APPAREL and FURNITURE,
and the Cargo now, or lately, thereto, and
the Freight due for the Transportation
thereof, that if an appearance in the said
Court be not entered within fourteen days
from date hereof, the JUDGMENT of the said
Court will proceed to determine the said
Cause or to make such Order therein, as to
him shall seem right.

(SEAL). [oc11]

NOTICE.

AN Extraordinary General MEETING of
the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG
CLUB is hereby convened for WEDNES-
DAY, the 10th October next, at 3.30 p.m.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

By Order of the General Committee.

A. O'D. GOURDIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, September 27, 1883. oc10

THE HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company, will be held at the OFFICE
of the Undersigned, on SATURDAY, the
13th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., in accord-
ance with the Provisions of Ordinance 1 of
1877.

WILLIAM LEGGE,
Acting Secretary.

Dated the 4th day of October. oc13

NOTICE.

A Good BOOKKEEPER, who has a few
A spare hours in the early morning,
would be glad to take Charge of a Set of
Accounts. Terms very moderate.

Address—M. M. R.,
c/o. China Mail Office.

Hongkong, August 24, 1883.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY, the 1st October,
the Hour of Departure of the NIGHT
BOATS will be 5.30 p.m. from HONGKONG,
and 5 p.m. from CANTON.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 28, 1883.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after the 1st OCTOBER, the
PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED
to 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and after the 1st OCTOBER,
the PRICE of ICE will be REDUCED
to 1/2 Cents per pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 15, 1883.

NOTICE.

HOP SHING & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BOILER MAKERS,
COPPER SMITHS, BRASS & IRON
FOUNDERS, &c.

NESS IRON WORKS.

HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

HAVING this Day commenced Busi-
ness, are ready to undertake the
Supervision of the above Descriptions under the
Supervision of an EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN.

Orders executed with the utmost despatch
and at moderate terms.

ENGINE ROOM STORE, WEST POINT,
Hongkong.

24th September, 1883. 25-684

NOTICE.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM-
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

QUARANTINE AT EGYPTIAN AND
CONTINENTAL PORTS.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for
passing the Company's Steamers
through the Suez Canal in Quonstantine,
thus avoiding the passage by the Company's
Steamers, which is now being laid
at VENICE, but the QUONSTANTINE which is
still imposed at this port, all other
Continental Ports prevent the Landing of
Passengers, and those travelling by the Company's
Steamers are advised to remain on
board the Vessel which calls at Marseilles
en route, stopping a few hours only to
discharge Cargo, and proceed in their direct
to LONDON, avoiding all QUONSTANTINE
delays and inconveniences.

The Passages of the Steamers will be
accelerated, and they will not call at MALTA
or GIBRALTAR.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being
issued in Exchange for the last Call Receipts,
which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES
when paying this Call, will please send same to
this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of Exchange for Hongkong is
fixed at 3/- 7d. or \$54.70 per Share.

INTEREST at the Rate of 7% per Annum
will be charged on Calls unpaid on the
30th SEPTEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, September 10, 1883.

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For Sale.

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No. 63, Queen's Road East,
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ARE NOW LANDING
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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
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Soda BISCUITS.
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Small HOMINY.
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White BEANS.
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CODEFISH in Tins.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
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Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Garden VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

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Assorted SOUPES.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated OYSTERS.
Clam CHOWDER.
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Dried APPLES.
TOMATOES.
SUCCOTASH.
BRAWN.
Maple SYRUP.
Golden SYRUP.
LOBSTERS.
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FAIRBANKS' SCALES.
400 lb. Capacity.
600 lb. "
900 lb. "
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A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
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ANGOSTURA, BOKHE's and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c.,

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BUNKE, pints and quarts.

DAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

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Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
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BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MUNKE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, CASH and PAPER
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Price.

Dividend for 1881—To 50th April 1883—For year 1881—For half year ended 30th
June 1883—(1) And/or total dividend to date declared this year.

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NO. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (lately
occupied by PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.).
BUNNE VILLA, Pokfulam, Furnished.
Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, August 30, 1883.

TO LET.

THE PREMISES now occupied by Dr
No. 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
For further particulars apply to Messrs
RUSSELL & CO.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, August 1, 1883.

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1 PEAKY EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For particulars, apply to

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Hongkong, April 26, 1883.

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suitable for the Storage of Coal.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, March 8, 1883.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

CHARLES BAL, British ship, Capt. W. J.
Watson, & P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1883.

TO LET.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, with option of
calling at Honolulu, on THURSDAY, the
11th October, at 3 p.m., taking Pass-
enger and Freight, for Japan, the United
States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embark at San
Francisco for China (or Japan) (see verso),
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pro-P.R. Re-
turn Passage Orders available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to Return Fare.

WILLIAMS, British barque, Capt. Hugh
Wallace—Meyer & Co.

LEXINGTON, British steamer, Captain D.
Scott—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MAGNO, British brig, Captain White,
Order.

NICOTIA, British barque, Captain James
Foster—Arnold, Kirby & Co.

SARAH S. RINGWALD, American barque,
Capt. H. C. Townsend—Chinese.

SEA RIBBLE, British 3-m. schooner, Capt.
Alfred Rogers—Siemens & Co.

SILVER EAGLE, British barque, Captain
Richard—Widler & Co.

TERAZU, British barque, Capt. S. Hyne,
Wiesler & Co.

WILLOW, American barque, Captain
Chas. A. Sawyer—Captain.

These allowances do not apply to
through fare from China and Japan to
Europe.

FREIGHT will be received on board until 4
p.m. on the 10th Oct. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.,
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

General Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 28, 1883. oc12

Mails.



MITSU BISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

STEAM TO NAGASAKI AND KOBE,
VIA INLAND SEA.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers for YOKO-
HAMA and VLADIVOSTOCK.)

Hongkong, September 28, 1883. oc12

NOT Responsible for Debts.

either the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debts contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessel, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

CHARLES BAL, British ship, Capt. W. J.
Watson, & P. & O. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, August 30, 1883.

H. M. S. LUNA, of Turnabout Island steer-
ing S.E.

The British steamer Douglas reports:
Left Foochow on 2nd inst. H. M. gunboat
Left Foochow on 2nd inst. Name entering the river
Amoy, for Amoy, Hailong and Chi-Yuen,
Swatow on 4th inst. Kiungting, Tungting,
and Lusitana. Had strong N.E. monsoon
and fine weather throughout.

SHIPPING.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Achilles leaves for Shanghai.
Moon.—Antenor leaves for London.
4 p.m.—Thales leaves for Kudat &
4 p.m.—Orsader leaves for Australian
Ports, via Singapore.

Goods per Japan undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
Established A.D. 1814.

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FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
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Gingerade, Potas Water, Sarsaparilla
Water, and other Aerated Waters.

The Manufactory is under direct and
continuous European Supervision.

Hongkong, June 1, 1870.

BIRTH

At Shanghai on the 29th September, the

Wife of Mr. Goodwin, Shanghai Gas
Works, of a Son. Mother and Baby doing
well.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 7.45 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1883.

We have received the "Medical Re-
ports for the half year ended on the 31st
March last, published in connection with
the Imperial Chinese Maritime

Customs. These reports are always

most interesting, and occasionally no

do not contain much valuable information

for those concerned in any way in the

sanitary condition of the Treaty Ports,

and the health of those residing in them.

The contents of the work before us

comprise reports on the health of

Ichang, Amoy, Canton, Pakhoi, Shang-
hai, Swatow, and Hinkow, and on

the prevalence of epidemics in 1882 and

on certain native diseases.

The first report in the work—that on

the health of Ichang—contains some

interesting remarks with reference to

the practice of cremation at that port,

by Dr. A. Henry. Sometimes, the Dr

says, children are cremated, but this is

only done for sepulture reasons.

Where several young children of a family

have died in succession, the body of one of

them is burned, the supposition being that

the ceremony will ensure the survival of the

next child that is born to the family. I

H. M. S. Linnet, Commander J. J. Jones, arrived here to-day from St. Vladimir Bay.

A RATHER unusual suit was heard in the Summary Jurisdiction Court to-day. The Rev. Aloysius Reidhaar was sued by a Chinaman named Tang Lan for \$45.26 cents for loss of furniture, crockery, &c., caused by defendant. Mr. Reidhaar is pastor of the Church of the "Sacred Heart" at West Point, and it appears that some three and a half years ago, he gave permission to the complainant to till a piece of land in a garden at West Point, the property of the Church. Some time afterwards the complainant, Tang Lan, erected two small houses or huts on the ground without Mr. Reidhaar's consent, but after they were finished that gentleman allowed them to remain on the understanding that they should be the property of the Church and that Tang Lan should keep them in good order. After a time, however, the latter appears to have sub-let the houses, without permission, to men employed upon the land, and in one of them a married woman, whose husband was away, came to live among the men. This state of affairs not being considered decent nor orderly, Mr. Reidhaar ordered complainant to send away the woman and the men, to whom he had sub-let one of the houses, and to have the houses pulled down, otherwise he would have to see them pulled down himself. He still offered, however, to permit the complainant to grow vegetables on the land. A week or ten days after notice had been given, Mr. Reidhaar went and found a number of strange men on the premises, and he then proceeded to pull down some dirt mounds which were upon the walls and to clear the place out. The furniture and anything of value was, according to Mr. Reidhaar, taken to his house to be given to the complainant on his demanding them, and the only property injured by the defendant appears to have been some plates and an opium pipe table.

Mr. Russell reserved judgment, directing an officer of the Court to accompany the complainant to where the furniture, &c., of the houses had been placed by Mr. Reidhaar, and see the things restored to complainant.

This following is the paragraph which appeared in the *China Mail* on the 20th Feb. last, and which was described by the defendant during the proceedings in the criminal prosecution for libel to-day as being libellous, or according to the report in his own paper, as "a statement in the *China Mail* which asserted that the Government work of the Surveyor General's department cost fifty per cent. more than the same work would cost private individuals, and this, he (defendant) contended, was a direct charge of bribery and corruption against somebody and not merely an insinuation."

The employment of the Chinese prisoners on the new Hospital works appears to go on smoothly enough, and it is satisfactory to note that in this way some of the heavy expense to which the Colonial Exchequer is put by our present Gaol system may return to the ratepayers. We observe that it has been proved by publicists at home that the saving thus effected by convict employment on public works is very large; and it is significant that, so far as public works are concerned, but little opposition is now made to this description of labour. When industrial interests are more nearly affected by the competition of indoor gaol labour, the cry against it is much more loud and clear. One reason which may fairly be advanced in favour of the employment of prisoners to work upon the larger public buildings designed for this Colony is the enormous and (we fancy) exorbitant rates which the Government is called upon to pay for building and other contracts. We observe that it said that the rates for Government work are fifty per cent. higher than those for private clients; but this must surely be an exaggeration. However, that a contract for Government appears to be regarded as a fair opportunity for putting up charges, is a very general impression; and from this point of view, the consideration that Government could and would sometimes undertake its own work might have a wholesome effect. Let us hope that this will be so.

COL. IRE AUSTIN, who has lately joined the Lotus troupe, will give an exhibition of his skill as a marksman at the Lyceum, to which members of the Shanghai Press only are invited.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

BARKING to the recent decision given in the United States to the effect that the Chinese Restriction Act does not apply to British Chinese subjects emigrating from Hongkong, the San Francisco *Bulletin* says:—"A contemporary says that the language of the Chinese Restriction Act refers to Chinese labour, and not to the persons of the Chinese race. To take the view is to admit the soundness of the decision of Judge Nelson and Lowell in Massachusetts. The paper in which this awkward slip is made appears to be looking after the interests of the Democratic masses. But the act nowhere speaks of Chinese subjects. The prohibition is applied to Chinese labourers coming from any foreign port or place." It appears to other ports besides those of China. The exclusion is clearly against the race. The act nowhere refers to subjects of China. The invariable phrase is "Chinese labourers." Not even is the word "subject" used in connection with these classes privileged to enter with certificates—that is to say, traders, travellers and students. They are designated as Chinese "persons." In other places the word "passenger" is substituted. Even the "Chinese labourer" in this country at the time of the ratification of the treaty, who can return if they procure a certificate, are not restricted to China. They can go there or anywhere else, and come back again. This is not a word in the bill which justifies the construction that it applies only to Chinese "subjects." It excludes Chinese labourers coming from "any foreign port or place," allows Chinese "labourers" to remain in this country at the time of the conclusion of the last treaty, to go to any foreign country they please, and return again. Chinese "persons" who are traders, students or travellers, who have certificates from the Chinese Government, identifying them.

The S. S. *Excise* appears to have gone direct from Australia to Shanghai. The *Shanghai Courier and the Economist* says:—"The *Excise*, Messrs. G. R. Stevens and Co.'s str., Captain J. B. Peters, arrived at Woosung on the 27th ult., from Sydney via Brisbane; she came up to Shanghai yesterday afternoon and is at present discharging her cargo of coal at the Associated Wharves. The *Excise* is a well-propertioned iron screw-propelled steamer schooner rigged. She was launched from the yards of Messrs. Mitchell and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, in 1872, to the order of Messrs. Nelson, Bonkin, and Co., of that place, and is of 1531 tons gross measurement and 978 tons net registered. The *Excise* attains an daily consumption of 90 tons of fuel. She was built principally for the cargo traffic, and can stow 2,300 tons of cargo, which she carries on a mean draught of 19 ft. The passenger accommodation, although limited, is of a superior class, no expense having been spared to make it elegant and comfortable. The saloon, which contains berths for twelve persons, is in the after part of the ship, under the main deck. The *Excise* left Sydney on the 30th August and arrived at Brisbane on the 2nd ult., left on the 27th ult. Experienced fine weather to Sandy Cape; thence to port very strong northerly and westerly winds and fine weather.

CRICKET.

TWELVE versus TWENTY-FOUR OF THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

This, the opening match of the season, was commenced to-day under the most favourable auspices. The chosen twelve were disposed of for the moderate score of 139, of which Mr. Rice contributed 129. The twenty-four had lost seven wickets for 90 runs, the two "not outs" having put together 47 by dint of hard hitting. Play will be resumed to-morrow morning at 11 sharp. The following are the scores:

THE TWELVE.	
W. Hynes, c. Gamble, b. Grimble.....	8
H. G. Rice, b. F. Grimble.....	60
G. W. D'Acte, The Buffs, rolled b. Hendrey.....	12
Captain Gordon, The Buffs, b. Hendrey.....	0
W. F. Whyte, c. Hendrey, b. Greaves.....	0
H. D. Jarrett, The Buffs, c. G. Grimble.....	15
b. Greaves.....	14
G. S. Coxon, b. H. W. b. Grimble.....	15
F. S. C. Harde, b. F. Grimble.....	13
G. A. Caldwell, b. Hendrey.....	13
C. P. Lloyd, The Buffs, c. Sadler, b. Hendrey.....	5
W. H. Dobson, run out.....	0
G. A. Porter, The Buffs, not out.....	6
Wides.....	6
	139

THE TWENTY-FOUR.

H. P. Wadham, c. Gordon, b. Rice.....	1
A. K. Travers, run out.....	7
G. R. Johnston, b. Hynes.....	0
F. Grimble, stump Coxon, b. Hynes.....	0
D. A. Gaule, R. N., not out.....	27
H. E. Wodehouse, not out.....	0
N. H. Connolly, R. A., c. sub., b. Rice.....	1
N. Powell, b. Hynes.....	0
Fifteen more to play.....	60

THE PROSECUTION FOR LIBEL.—THE SURVEYOR GENERAL v. ROBERT FRASER-SMITH.

(Before Capt. H. G. Thoswell, R. N., Acting Police Magistrate.) Friday, Oct. 5.

This case, commenced from Friday last, was again before the Court this morning, the defendant, Robert Fraser-Smith, printer and publisher of a paper known as the *Hongkong Telegraph*, is charged that he on the 19th and 26th days of July, and 3d day of September, 1883, at Victoria in this Colony, unlawfully did write and publish, and cause and procure to be written and published, certain false, scandalous and defamatory libels and concerning one John McNeil Price, Surveyor-General, as follows:

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